

F-9-R-12 Southwest Montana Fishery Study.

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Job 1. Inventory of the Waters in the Project Area.

General Lake Survey.

The objectives are to determine the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of importance to the recreational fishery in the project area. Many of our lakes support natural gamefish populations, and others need periodic introductions where spawning facilities are limited or lacking. However, more information is needed on some lakes to manage them successfully. Thirteen lakes were surveyed last year. Seven lakes contained natural rainbow trout and brook trout populations. Two of these were overpopulated with ~~brook~~ brook trout. The other lakes are currently or were put on the stocking program to receive trout introductions periodically. The important lakes in the Big Hole drainage will be surveyed this year along with others needing ~~special attention~~ or are presently receiving special attention in the project area.